

**ABSTRACT**

A sheet folding and accumulation system and method inverts folded sheets onto a saddle where the sheets are accumulated and bound into a booklet. The inverting of the sheets onto the saddle for accumulation and binding  
5 eliminates the need for the saddle or other sheet collection member to translate or pivot for location of the sheets onto the saddle. A sheet folding and accumulation system includes a folding mechanism configured to form a fold in a sheet, a saddle for collecting folded sheets into a booklet for binding, and an inverting mechanism for inverting the folded sheet and placing the folded sheet onto the saddle with the  
10 peak of the fold in the sheet pointing upward.